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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Paer von MALMBORG et al.  
Title: BENDING RESISTANT MALE  
CONNECTOR FOR A GUIDE  
WIRE  
Appl. No.: 09/986,117  
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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action Dated November 03, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

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